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SUBJECT: SOUTH LEBANON
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1. AS REFTTEL INDICATES, AFTER TWO-DAY PAUSE, PLO ONCE AGAIN IS USING TYRE AND POSITIONS NORTH OF LITANI TO SHELL ISRAELIS, AN ACTION WHICH THREATENS ISRAELI RETALIATION AND A HALT IN FURTHER UNIFIL DEPLOYMENT. IN THIS REGARD, WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE SECRETARIAT IS URGING THE FRENCH TO APPROACH ARAFAT REGARDING HIS ASSISTANCE IN FACILITATING UN ENTRY INTO TYRE.

2. REQUEST USUN AND PARIS URGE FRENCH IN THEIR CONTACT
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WITH ARAFAT TO STRESS ONCE AGAIN THE IMPERATIVE NEED TO END ALL SHELLING OF ISRAELIS SO THAT PROCESS OF ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL AND UN DEPLOYMENT CAN PROCEED ACCORDING TO SCHEDULE.- WE HOPE FRENCH CAN POINT OUT THAT THE ONLY WAY THE PROCESS OF DISENGAGEMENT CAN WORK IS IF EVERYONE EXERCISES A MAXIMUM DEGREE OF CONTROL OVER HIS OWN FORCES AND THOSE ALLIED TO THEM IN THE PERIOD AHEAD. FRENCH

SHOULD URGE HIM TO EXERT HIS INFLUENCE ON OTHERS IN PLO
MOVEMENT.

3. IT IS DIFFICULT TO KNOW WHETHER ANY OUTSIDE POWERS
HAVE REAL INFLUENCE OVER THE REJECTIONIST FORCES

WHICH ARE ONCE AGAIN SHELLING ISRAELIS. BUT IRAQ AND
LIBYA ARE POSSIBILITIES. SINCE FRANCE ENJOYS SOME
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONSHIP WITH BOTH, REQUEST YOU ALSO URGE
FRENCH TO APPROACH LIBYANS AND IRAQIS WITH REQUEST
THAT THEY USE THEIR INFLUENCE IN THE PERIOD AHEAD
TO PREVENT FURTHER SHELLING OF ISRAEL BY REJECTIONIST
FORCES IN LEBANON SO THAT ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL AND UN DE-
PLOYMENT CAN PROCEED. THIS CAN BE PUT IN TERMS OF NOT
ONLY OF THEIR INTEREST IN BRINGING ABOUT RAPID ISRAELI
WITHDRAWAL BUT THEIR OBLIGATION UNDER ARTICLE 25 OF THE
CHARTER TO ACCEPT AND HELP CARRY OUT DECISIONS OF THE
SECURITY COUNCIL. COOPER

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